Health protection to retired PSU employees under ESI scheme

1487. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plans by Government in include the retired Public Sector employees in the ESI scheme;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any other plans to ensure the health Protection of the retired employees as existing in many of the Government departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal has been received by ESI Corporation.

(c) Insured persons covered under ESI scheme who retire after attaining the age of superannuation are provided medical care for self and spouse on payment of Rs. 120/- per annum subject to five years of insurable employment or more before retirement.

Non-utilisation of funds allocated for RSBY

1488. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not been able to utilise funds allocated for the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) during 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the States in which the said scheme has not been implemented during the said period along with the reasons for non implementation of the scheme in such States;

(d) whether Government proposes to cover all the BPL families under the said scheme in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to implement the said scheme in remaining States particularly those who have not implemented the scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) During the year 2008-09, an amount of Rs. 250/- crore was allocated for implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY). Out of this, Rs. 101.65 crore was utilized. The scheme being Information Technology driven, it took time to stabilize the